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1 - Federal regulations, emergency protocols not followed in West, WFAA, 4/26/13

<http://www.wfaa.com/news/texas-news/Federal-regulations-emergency-protocols-not-followed-in-West-204932411.html>

McLennan County officials did not follow federal regulations requiring public officials to plan for a major chemical incident such as last week's deadly fertilizer plant explosion in West, Texas, a News 8 investigation has found.

2 - New DC Metro ads expose ExxonMobil oil spill in Arkansas, DigitalJournal, 4/29/13

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/article/349077>

Environmental groups are urging the State Department to stop construction on the Keystone XL Pipeline. Starting from Monday, consumer watchdog organization, SumOfUs.org is placing ads in the DC metro system, exposing images of the Arkansas oil spill.

3 - Citizen group sees 'toxic' oil soup in Arkansas, EnergyResources, 4/30/13

http://www.upi.com/Business_News/Energy-Resources/2013/04/30/Citizen-group-sees-toxic-oil-soup-in-Arkansas/UPI-72131367321661/

There's been a "toxic soup" hanging over residents in Mayflower, Ark., as a result of an Exxon Mobil oil pipeline accident, a citizen's group said.

4 - DEQ urges steps to reduce ozone air pollution, BRADV, 4/29/13

<http://theadvocate.com/home/5844840-125/deq-urges-steps-to-reduce>

With the weather warming and the formation of ozone air pollution more likely, the state Department of Environmental Quality is asking people to take steps that can help reduce that pollution.

5 - Rise in river prompts twice-a-week inspections of Mississippi River, BRADV, 4/29/13

<http://theadvocate.com/home/5844779-125/rise-in-river-prompts-twice-a-week>

A bump of water coming down the Mississippi River has prompted the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to start conducting twice-a-week levee inspections along the lower Mississippi River.

6 - Red River water quality gets mixed reviews, NewsStar, 4/29/13

<http://www.thenewsstar.com/article/DK/20130429/NEWS01/130429004/Red-River-water-quality-gets-mixed-reviews?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|State>

Whether the Red River in Louisiana is a pure stream of water running to the Mississippi River depends on whom you ask. The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and the U.S. Geological Survey say it's doing pretty well as far as U.S. rivers go. It has less siltation, only a touch of salinity and not much in the way of pollutants or harmful bacteria.

7 - Contaminants found at El Paso Jobe site in 1989, report says, LasCruces, 4/30/13

http://www.lcsun-news.com/new_mexico-news/ci_23135773/contaminants-found-at-jobe-site-1989-report-says

An environmental consultant for El Paso businessman Stanley Jobe reported finding various contaminants and potentially hazardous substances -- including lead and PCBs -- at the old Toro quarry site on West Paisano Drive and Executive Center Boulevard, according to the firm's report.

8 - Louisiana House committee votes to phase out solar energy tax credits, NOLA, 4/29/13

http://www.nola.com/politics/index.ssf/2013/04/solar_panel_clean_energy_tax_c.html#incart_river

Louisianians receiving solar energy tax credits could see those incentives phased out under a bill

passed in committee Monday. The legislation was introduced as the state's clean energy tax credits are coming under increased scrutiny due to a ballooning price tag and questions from the state's power companies.

9 - EPA Gets Additional 30 Days to Propose Revisions to Animal Feedlot Regulations, BNA, 4/30/13

[http://esweb.bna.com/eslw/1245/split_display.adp?
fedfid=30725318&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d7z2e9w6&split=0](http://esweb.bna.com/eslw/1245/split_display.adp?fedfid=30725318&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d7z2e9w6&split=0)

The Environmental Protection Agency and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation reached an agreement April 29 to give the agency an additional 30 days to propose a rule that would potentially expand the universe of regulated concentrated animal feeding operations.

10 - Oil Industry Accuses EPA of Flawed Process In Implementing Gasoline, Vehicle Standards, BNA, 4/30/13

[http://esweb.bna.com/eslw/1245/split_display.adp?
fedfid=30725316&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d7y9z2p3&split=0](http://esweb.bna.com/eslw/1245/split_display.adp?fedfid=30725316&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d7y9z2p3&split=0)

CHICAGO—The petroleum industry accused the Environmental Protection Agency of pursuing a “flawed” implementation strategy for its proposed Tier 3 vehicle emission and fuel standards, asserting April 29 that the regulatory process conflicts with the procedural requirements of the Clean Air Act.

11 - EPA wants more existing data for drinking water study, EENews, 4/30/13

<http://www.eenews.net/energywire/2013/04/30/2>

U.S. EPA is taking an extra six months to collect existing research on hydraulic fracturing as it continues its own study of the oil and gas extraction method.

12 - EPA Cites CWA Permit Ruling To Defend Takeover Of Texas GHG Program, InsideEPA, 4/29/13

[http://insideepa.com/201304292432640/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/epa-cites-cwa-permit-ruling-to-
defend-takeover-of-texas-ghg-program/menu-id-95.html](http://insideepa.com/201304292432640/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/epa-cites-cwa-permit-ruling-to-defend-takeover-of-texas-ghg-program/menu-id-95.html)

EPA is defending its takeover of greenhouse gas (GHG) permitting in Texas from a lawsuit, with agency lawyers telling an appellate court that is slated to hear the case next week that a recent ruling in a separate case finding EPA can retroactively revoke disposal permits “whenever” it finds harm supports its action in the Lone Star state.